



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Date Issued     | 12-05-02   | Interpretation # | 02-040 |
| Topic           | Placement of School Windows and Doors  |                  |        |
| Code Section(s) |  |                  |        |
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***All classrooms are required to have a window. In the case of relocatable classrooms, is there a requirement for where the window is placed? In some cases the window is placed on the same wall as the single exit door. Does this arrangement meet the intent of providing an alternate point of exiting?***

No. There is no requirement as to where the window is placed in a relocatable classroom. The window is not considered a primary exit. Rather, it is considered an emergency means of egress. If more than one exit is required, it must be provided as a door not as a window. School classrooms with grilles or bars on the windows must conform to Section 305.2.4.